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May 13, 1999

## Sent via Fax @ (703) 308-6778

ATTN: DOUGLAS LINDSEY

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Re:

PTO Deposit Account No. 500812 Serial Reference No. 08/968,208

Dear Mr. Lindsey:

This letter is regarding our telephone conversation this morning, to obtain authorization to charge our above listed deposit account.

Please be advised you may charge our account no. 500812 in the amount of \$870.00 under 37 CFR 1.17, for a one time request submitted by W. Scott McNees on our behalf for a Petition for Extension of Time relating to Serial No. 08/968,208.

Please contact me directly at (510) 814-2972 anytime if I can assist you further.

Sincerely,

Tina Dasco

PATENT ADMINISTRATOR

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